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SUMMARY: EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS (IN BERLIN APRIL 13-14)
CONFERRED WITH GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE; BOTH AGREED THAT BERLIN
WAS INCLUDED AS A PART OF EC. JENKINS ALSO SPOKE OF NEED FOR
EC MEMBER STATES TO COOPERATE IN PROMOTING EUROPEAN AND WORLD
ECONOMIC RECOVERY. SOVIETS HAVE PROTESTED JENKINS VISIT.
END SUMMARY.

1. EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ROY JENKINS WAS IN WEST BERLIN ON
APRIL 13-14 WITH AN ADDRESS TO THE BERLIN INDUSTRIE AND HANDELS-
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KAMMER AS THE CENTERPIECE OF HIS VISIT. HE STATED THAT EC IS AT
THRESHOLD OF SECOND IMPORTANT STAGE IN ITS DEVELOPMENT:
INFLATION, HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AND SLOW ECONOMIC
GROWTH IN EUROPE ALL REQUIRED JOINT ACTIVITY OF MEMBER STATES.
JENKINS ASSERTED THAT CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES
EXISTED IN PART BECAUSE OF EC MEMBERS' ACTING IN TERMS OF
NATIONAL INTEREST RATHER THAN OVERALL EUROPEAN ECONOMIC

PROGRESS. HE FURTHER CALLED FOR COMMON MEASURES TO STIMULATE DEMAND IN THE EC INTERNAL CURRENCIES. JENKINS NOTED THAT COMMUNITY COULD ONLY FULFILL ITS IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS IF ALL MEMBERS FULLY COOPERATED.

2. JENKINS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT EC WOULD PUT FORWARD A COMMON VIEWPOINT AT JULY BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT. MISSION POUCHING COPIES OF SPEECH TO DEPT AND TO USEC.

3. IN HIS MEETING WITH GOV MAYOR STOBBE, JENKINS EMPHASIZED EC POSITION THAT BERLIN HAD BEEN INCLUDED AS A PART OF COMMUNITY SINCE ITS INCEPTION AND THAT NO ONE IN BRUSSELS HAD EVER CONSIDERED YIELDING TO SOVIET PROTESTS ON THIS TOPIC. RATHER, EC WAS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN A "STRONG AND VISIBLE PRESENCE IN BERLIN" AND ALREADY HAD FURTHER (ALBEIT UNSPECIFIED) PROJECTS IN MIND TO FOSTER CITY'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

4. STOBBE COMMENTED THAT SOVIETS WERE CHALLENGING BERLIN'S INCLUSION IN EC APPARENTLY IN EFFORT TO CREATE UNCERTAINTY OVER BERLIN'S WISH TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF WESTERN EUROPE AND THANKED JENKINS FOR EC'S ENGAGEMENT IN BERLIN. HE NOTED DELAY IN CONCLUSION OF FISHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN EC AND USSR BECAUSE OF SOVIET UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT BERLIN CLAUSE EXTENDING VALIDITY OF AGREEMENT TO THE WESTERN SECTORS.

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5. INDUSTRIE AND HANDELSKAMMER PRES. ELFE, IN INTRODUCING JENKINS AT APRIL 13 SPEECH, EMPHASIZED THAT WEST BERLIN HAD BENEFITTED FULLY FROM ALL ADVANTAGES BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE EC SINCE ITS BEGINNING AND NOTED THAT 35PCT OF ALL BERLIN EXPORTS WENT TO EC MEMBERS. ELFE FURTHER POINTED TO BERLIN'S DESIRE TO SERVE AS A MEETING POINT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST IN EC CONTEXT.

6. ON APRIL 14, SOVIET EMBASSY IN E. BERLIN PROTESTED MR. JENKINS' VISIT TO CHAIRMAN (BRITISH) POLAD LEAVING A FORMAL STATEMENT WHICH WE WILL TRANSMIT WHEN RECEIVED. AT SAME TIME (WE ARE TOLD, IN LOW KEY) SOVIETS OBJECTED TO SEC OF COMMERCE KREPS ATTENDING AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCH AT WHICH FRG ECONOMICS MINISTER GRAF LAMBSDORFF WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK; DETAILS FOLLOW. GEORGE

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